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TOPIC Military Information from Berlin-Karlshorst

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REMARKS

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1. On 23 February 1953, the barracks camp on Trabrennbahn, Berlin-Karlshorst, was occupied by about 3,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Source noticed that, beginning on 19 February, the occupation continually increased. Six buses, [] were parked in the camp during this period. From 15 to 23 February, up to 280 soldiers received infantry training in the installation and at the adjoining training area on various days. About 60 soldiers were repeatedly seen moving out for firing practices on trucks []

2. On 27 December 1952, about 100 soldiers received training in firing, 40 soldiers training on four light machine guns and 40 soldiers on four 120-mm mortars in the area of the Trabrennbahn, Berlin-Karlshorst. Later, these soldiers entered the restricted area. Motor vehicles driving to, and from, the restricted area []

[] Comment. The highest occupation strength mentioned by the same source has been 2,000 soldiers. It is possible that the occupation increased as a result of the intensified isolation measures around Berlin. []

Further information is required to determine whether the two installations quarter one or two MCB regiments. []

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